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Agriculture

Dahl-Fan Garden

Catalog of

100 Varieties

"Bred-to-blossom"

DAHLIAS

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New Kensington, Pa.

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Five years ago I did not know that there were more than four different Dahlias in existence, but I bought a little home, mostly on mortgage, and decided to specialize on one flower and began to look around for "THE FLOWER." I felt that I must make the ground produce something to help reduce the mortgage, and at the same time exploit my inclination to experiment with plants and their culture and propagation.

The first year I had eight varieties of Dahlias that to me were beautiful and in the care of these eight flowers I began to see wonderful possibilities, and the desire to make them still more beautiful stirred within me and I began experimenting in hybridization. Quite a fascinating pastime that requires a lot of patience and an explicit faith.

From the first group of hand pollinated seeds I grew 164 plants that rewarded my efforts with one worth while blossom. The second year I grew 25 varieties, the third year 50 and now I have more than 100 varieties of modern Dahlias.

Within itself the Dahlia is an interesting study. First discovered on the plateaus of Mexico growing wild on the decayed lava beds, at a high altitude, suggesting that a sandy soil and a high altitude was their natural habitation, but experience has shown that it is the most adaptable plant that grows, as it can be successfully grown almost anywhere and can be made to produce its blossoms in any soil,—and it will stand more neglect than almost any plant that grows and still produce worth while blossoms, while with proper attention and with fertilization and cultivation its blossom producing power becomes a thing of wonder. And the culture of the Dahlia, once understood is simplicity itself. Fertilization is very important but cultivation means even more. Simply keep the ground loose around the plant and never allow it to become baked or hardened, and withhold fertilization till the buds appear. Plant but one potato in a hill and allow but one stalk to grow from that planting. Throw all the vitality of that potato into one strong stalk and it will send out plenty of branches and produce an abundance of healthy blossoms.

And if you want to grow large blossoms for exhibition, here is the secret: You will notice that the buds generally come in clusters

of three, and when these buds are quite small pinch out the two side buds and leave the straight bud to develop. And at this point you may profitably use any good fertilizer, continuing its use every ten days till frost kills the plant. Bone meal or a complete potato fertilizer will be found to be very beneficial, and if you do not have these at hand any fertilizer for lawns or flowering plants may be used with success. If stable manure is used it should be incorporated with your soil in the Fall of the year unless it is well rotted, and even then it should not be used too near the growing plant, as the heat from fresh manure is liable to damage both the foliage and the flower. When I bought my first fertilizer the salesman told me: "All you got to do is just take it home and put it on," and I carefully followed his directions, and the next afternoon at five o'clock I did not have a living plant. An expensive experiment from which I eventually gained great profit. And from which you may profit without cost to you. Put your fertilizer on the ground, around the plant, not closer than three inches in any event and work it into the soil, but never let it come into contact with the plant or its foliage.

The better your soil, the better your Dahlias, of course.

I am always glad to help my patrons at any time with suggestions that have come to me by experience, to the limit of my knowledge of Dahlia culture, and to help them solve such troubles as may come to them in their efforts to grow the finest Dahlias.

I enjoy Dahlias and Dahlia culture and shall be glad to have you enjoy them with me, but the beauty and joy of Dahlias come only to those who produce the blossoms, as I have found from experience.

Hence it is not only a pleasure to me, but good business to help my patrons grow Dahlias that they will enjoy and of which they will feel proud; therefore I send only the very best roots, that are bred to blossom.

DAHL-FAN Quality,—Grown to produce and full of "Pep"—and if you grow a better Dahlia than I have been able to grow, I will take off my hat to you and glory in your achievement, and strive to win back my laurels the next year.

With this I hand you my "Price List" of the best "guaranteed to grow" Dahlias on the market, and invite you to enjoy their beauty in your own yard or garden.

Remit by Money Order, Bank Check or Registered Letter, as I can not become responsible for money sent in an ordinary letter, with only a two cent postage stamp on it.

Address:

DAHL-FAN GARDEN

New Kensington, Penna.

SHOW DAHLIAS

American Beauty, red-----	\$.35
Caleo Powers, pink and white -----	.25
Carl Owen, carmine-----	1.00
Delice, true pink -----	.35
Dorothy Peacock, lilac and white -----	.35
Dreer's White -----	.25
Dreer's Yellow, sulphur---	.50
David Warfield, brick red_	.35
D. M. Moore, almost black_	.50
Frank Walker, pink-----	.25
G. Doazon, coppery red---	.35
Gen. Miles, violet splashed purple -----	.75
Gold Medal, yellow shaded red -----	.50
Henry Glasscock, red-----	.25
John Tozer, violet-----	.50
Lyndhurst, scarlet -----	.25
Maude Adams, pink-----	.50
Storm King, white -----	.25
Vivian, white edged rose--	.25
Reggie, cherry red-----	.25
W. W. Rawson, white suffused lilac -----	.35

DECORATIVE DAHLIAS

Ayesha, sulphur yellow--	.35
Azalea, yellow and pink---	.75
Beatrice Slocombe, tan and red -----	1.00
Bonnie Brae, cream and pink -----	1.50
Breeze Lawn, fiery vermilion -----	.75
Buff Beauty, deep buff----	2.00
Carmen Sylvia, salmon rose	.50

Carolyn-Wintgen, salmon_	2.00
Crown of Gold, Chinese orange -----	.25
Darlene, pink and white--	.35
Dorothy Robins, orange and buff -----	2.00
Dr. Tevis, old gold and rose	.75
Earl Williams, red, tipped white -----	5.00
Freckles, yellow penciled scarlet -----	.75
Futurity, deep old rose---	1.00
Glory of Argonne, violet rose, white center -----	1.00
Harvest Moon, primrose yellow -----	1.50
Hortanulus Fiet, rose shaded gold -----	1.00
Isabel Street, yellow shaded red -----	3.00
King Midas, white and lilac	.25
Kittie Dunlap, same shade as American Beauty Rose	4.00
Madonna, ivory white----	.50
Mephistopheles, ruby red--	5.00
Millionaire, violet mauve--	1.50
Mina Burgle, scarlet-----	.35
Mrs. I. De Ver Warner, mauve pink -----	4.00
Patrick O'Mara, orange, buff and rose -----	1.00
Princess Pat, old rose----	1.50
Sammie, deep yellow-----	.50
Shudow's Lavender -----	5.00
Grizzly-Velvety, crimson maroon -----	1.50
U. S. A., vivid orange----	3.50
Wizard of Oz, amber, pink and salmon-----	7.50

CACTUS DAHLIAS

Attraction, silvery mauve_	.75
Ballet Girl, orange, tipped white _ _ _ _ _	1.50
Bettie Austin, carmine, yellow base _ _ _ _ _	3.00
Break of Day, pale yellow	.50
Bride's Boquet, white_ _ _ _	1.50
California Beauty, pure copper _ _ _ _ _	2.00
Colossal Peace, violet rose	1.50
Diana, crimson shaded vio- let _ _ _ _ _	.75
Duchess of Marlboro, Sol- ferino, red _ _ _ _ _	.50
Fire Cracker, scarlet and orange _ _ _ _ _	1.00
Francis White, white_ _ _ _	.35
F. W. Fellows, orange scar- let _ _ _ _ _	.75
Geneveva, sulphur yellow_	.25
Gen. Pershing, cream _ _ _	.25
Geo. Walters, old rose and buff _ _ _ _ _	.75
Golden West, yellow and orange _ _ _ _ _	.50
J. H. Jackson, garnet_ _ _ _	.25
Kalif, carmine _ _ _ _ _	.75
Mariposa, pink and violet_	5.00
Nancy Mae, velvety red_ _ _	.35
Nibelungenhort, golden apricot _ _ _ _ _	.75
Tom Lundy, crimson and carmine _ _ _ _ _	.75
Red Cross, deep yellow, suffused scarlet _ _ _ _ _	1.00
Wodan, salmon rose _ _ _ _	.50

CENTURY SINGLE DAHLIAS

Autumn, yellow suffused scarlet _ _ _ _ _	.25
Dahliadel, white _ _ _ _ _	.25
Eckford, white, splashed red _ _ _ _ _	.35

PEONY FLOWERED DAHLIAS

Billy, violet rose _ _ _ _ _	.50
Faust, morrocco red_ _ _ _	.50
Hampton Court, pink_ _ _ _	.50
King Albert, royal purple_	1.00
Latona, yellow buff _ _ _ _	.75
Lotta, crimson and yellow	1.00
Meyerbeer, purplish garnet	1.00
net _ _ _ _ _	1.00
Mrs. Geo. Gordon, cream_ _	.35
Pacific Glow, soft pink_ _ _	1.00

DAHLIAS I am selling out to make room for new varieties

Yellow Duke, yellow_ _ _ _	.15
Purple Manitou, purple_ _ _	.15
Red Duke, cerise _ _ _ _ _	.15
Crimson X, scarlet _ _ _ _	.15
Lavender Queen _ _ _ _ _	.15
One each of the above, post paid _ _ _ _ _	.50
Libele, purple Cactus_ _ _ _	.25
W. B. Childs, maroon Cac- tus _ _ _ _ _	.25
J. Rose, pink Cactus_ _ _ _	.25
H. 14, dark red Cactus_ _ _	.25
One each of these four; each a different color, post paid _ _ _ _ _	.75

CHRYSANTHEMUMS

Perfectly hardy, producing blossoms three to four inches. Pure white, 10c each or \$1.00 per dozen, postpaid.

GLADIOLUS

Offered only in mixture; 7 colors, evenly mixed in nice blooming size bulbs, 50c per dozen; 36 bulbs for \$1.25 postpaid.

PEONIES

These are only shipped in the Fall, as Spring planting, very often, blasts the buds and always causes the loss of first year blossoms and is a permanent injury to the plant.

Double red, double pink, double white, each 45c postpaid, or one of each, 3 roots \$1.00 postpaid.

Festiva Maxima	-----	\$.50
Felix Crouse	-----	1.00
Eudlis Superba	-----	.50

FLOWER SEED

ASTERS, branching giant in following colors:

Red,	"	"	-----	10c	Shell Pink, per packet	-----	10c		
Blue,	"	"	-----	10c	White,	"	"	-----	10c
Mixed, all colors, per pack-					Violet,	"	"	-----	10c
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SWEET PEAS, Giant Spencers, a splendid mixture of light and dark shades, per packet, 10c. Per ounce, 50c.

NASTURTIUMS, tall mixed, per packet, 10c.

Dwarf, mixed, low growing, per packet, 10c.

COMBINATION OFFERS

These offers are made for those who do not know Dahlias and do not know just what they want and are selected with a view of giving the greatest combination of colors, and are made up of high grade Dahlias, that will give satisfaction and delight all through the blooming season. These offerings are specially priced at a much lower figure than the single bulb price, and are made for the purpose of obtaining new patrons to whom I have never sold Dahlias.

OFFER NO. 1

12 beautiful Cactus Dahlias, each one a different color. a grand collection well worth \$5.00, will be sent postpaid for only \$2.50.

OFFER NO. 2

12 Assorted Decorative, Show and Peony Flowered Dahlias, a fine collection well worth \$5.00, will be sent postpaid for only \$2.50. and shape, postpaid, \$2.50.

OFFER NO. 3

The two above offers, 24 bred to blossom roots sent you this Spring and 1 Double White Peony, sent you this Fall, for only \$4.50.

